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Lockwood - Rath House
Near Warwick
Private

C. 1850

The Lockwood-Rath House stands along the Warwick-Cecilston Road as do the three previous houses. Another structure which has been razed stood across the road on the north side (Route 282) and was also owned by the Lockwood Family. Its appearance was recorded first by the 1877 Atlas (CE-62) and then by the Historic Sites survey in 1967. The above Lockwood House was probably built by the family in the mid 19th Century for which it is fairly typical. The symmetrical five bay facade is found throughout the county and state. The most interesting aspect of this structure and its preceeding neighbors is that they were all built within easy sight of the Warwick-Cecilston Road, which was undoubtedly one of the busiest roadways in mid 19th Century. Grand and imposing houses were also built in Delaware on the same road which lead to Middletown. The most reasonable answer for this development is that the nearest rail line for lower Cecil County and adjacent Delaware is in Middletown. Although the Rail road did not pass through Southern Cecil County, nearby Delaware towns were land locked with the nearest water resources on the Bohemia and Sassafras Rivers. Obviously, thousands must have traveled these routes for various reasons and what better place could be had to display ones wealth and standing in a community. ~~When~~ The reason for the being.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 1-146

1 NAME

HISTORIC

☒ R. Lockwood House

AND/OR COMMON

Rath Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cecilton-Warwick Road

CITY, TOWN

Warwick

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dismah Land and Cattle Co.

Dwight O. Rath

Telephone #: 275-2233

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cecilton

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21913

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 341
Folio #: 380

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Md. 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lockwood-Rath House c. 1850 is a two story five bay by one room single pile center hall frame house on the Cecilton-Warwick Road just west of Warwick, Md. The house faces north with the main gable running east/west.

The front block has a rear kitchen ell five bays across by one room deep. The structure rests on a partial fieldstone foundation with stretcher bond brick above ground. The house is sheathed with asbestos siding over weatherboard and capped with a medium sloped composition tile roof.

The main (north) facade is typically symmetrical with a central entrance and corresponding 6/6 sash windows. The front door has two elongated arched panels with two part transom. Each section having three panes. The three light sidelights with panel below flank the entrance. The house is framed by simple pilasters, frieze, and dentiled cornice. A flat roofed porch protects the central three bays and is supported by chamfered posts. A boxed cornice stretches across at eave level. The 6/6 sash surrounds have thumb molded backbands and beaded corners. There are no shutters. The west gable end has a central chimney stack with flanking four pane lights and plain bargeboard.

The east end has a single 2/2 sash on each floor and two four pane attic lights that flank the chimney pile.

The south side is primarily covered with the rear wing. An entrance to the main block is found in the eastern bay with adjacent sash windows to the west.

The rear wing is basically plain with 6/6 sash with ovolo molded surrounds. A shed porch covered the eastern four bays of the house. A central stove stack rises out of the kitchen wing to heat both dining room and kitchen.

The interior has not changed too drastically over the years. A central stair with heavily turned newel and flat oval handrail rises to the second floor. Turned balusters support the handrail. Numerous panels are found below the stringer, along with a molded baseboard. The door and window surrounds are widely molded and frame four panel doors. The mantels in each room are typical mid 19th century design with simple pilasters. A plain frieze and a thick shelf. A back stair rises to the second floor and V's at the head to both the front bedroom and rear wing bedroom.

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The detailing of the kitchen wing is quite plain with beaded board doors and plain surrounds. Horizontal board wainscoting lines the kitchen.

Farm structures that remain include a small cow barn, granary, wagon sheds, garage, and meat house. The meat house is typically constructed with corner posts with diagonal bracing to plate and sill. Horizontal studs are mortised into the corner posts to which the vertical board siding is attached. A central door with cast strap hinges provide access and the roof is covered with tin.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lockwood-Rath House is a bit more elaborate than most five bay center hall frame houses. This one was owned in 1877 by a Edward W. Lockwood according to the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas.

1858 MARTINET MAP - R. LOCKWOOD.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B/ Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

1/29/80

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Ekkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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SOUTHEAST - ELEVATION

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WEST ELEVATION.

MEHT HOUSE - GARAGE

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WARWICK, MD.

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